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EDITORIAL NOTES.

All manufacturers or dealers whose goods are used by physicians, and whose products are such as could be accepted for advertising in the JOURNAL, are requested to consider the following resolution which was passed at the recently closed meeting of the State Society:

"Whereas, the Medical Society of the State of California has decided to publish a register or directory of physicians, and has established the California State Journal of Medicine as the official organ of the Medical Society of the State of California; and,

"Whereas, the expenses of the year will necessarily be large,

"Be it resolved, That this Society call the attention of its members to the financial aid they can render the Society and themselves by patronizing such firms as make use of the advertising pages of the Society's publications, wherever such preference can be shown without disadvantage."

The JOURNAL commenced with November, 1902. If each volume, of twelve numbers, commenced with November of each year, the contents would embrace parts of two years.

VOLUME ENDS WITH THE YEAR.

For many obvious reasons it is desired to avoid this, and to have each volume of the JOURNAL represent the work of one year, from January to December. For that reason it has been decided to combine April and May issues, and probably two subsequent months, so that Volume I will end with December, 1903. A word of explanation is necessary for the benefit of our advertisers. All one year contracts will be carried out by the insertion of the advertisement in twelve issues, and the adjustment of the two excess numbers of

Volume I will be made gradual, so as to interfere with regularity of publication as little as possible. This course will doubtless meet with the hearty approval of the JOURNAL readers and patrons, as it will greatly facilitate the use of back volumes for reference.

The Publication Committee and the editor are very desirous of having as full reports as possible

TO REPRESENT ENTIRE STATE.

of the meetings and proceedings of the various County Societies throughout the State, for publication in the JOURNAL. The office of the JOURNAL being in San Francisco, it is easy to personally report the meetings of the medical societies of that city, but it is the strong desire of the committee to make as full reports of the meetings in other counties, and by no means to confine the publication of society meetings to any one place or county. This cannot be done by the Publication Committee or by the editor; the members must come to their assistance and send to the JOURNAL the necessary information. If the President and Secretary of each County Society will make an effort to see that some one person in that society—the Secretary, if he will do so—sends in reports of the meetings, and to see that the work is attended to, the JOURNAL will be very materially helped thereby. The JOURNAL should be truly representative of the whole State, but this it can only be with the help and assistance of every one of the State Society's members. The Secretaries of County Societies are urged to write to the JOURNAL at least once a month, giving the local medical news of the county and County Society. It is desired to publish this information, but it can only be done through the coöperation of the officers of the County Societies.

Every member of the State Society—and every member of a County Society—is requested

HOW TO AVOID IRREGULARITY.

to advise the JOURNAL at once if there is any irregularity in the receipt of the JOURNAL by himself or any other member whom he knows. Mistakes in addresses or in County Society rolls are bound to occur from time to time, and these can only be corrected when they are called to the attention of the publication office. There is no objection, in the slightest, to "kicks"; they are welcome, for only through them can errors or omissions be corrected, and the wishes of the members be known. Every member should feel that the JOURNAL is his own and that he may freely criticize it, or make his ideas in regard to it known. Only when this feeling becomes strong can the JOURNAL hope to be what it should be—truly and actually representative, not of San Francisco or the